



RECEIVED
OCT 18 2002
TECH CENTER 1600/2

AF/1614/8

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
PATENT APPLICATION

#7/C
(NE)
JRP
10/22/02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James CASTILLO

Application No.: 09/954,494

Examiner: Kim, Vickie

Filed: September 17, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1614

For: ALCOHOL BASED TOPICAL ANESTHETIC FORMULATION AND METHOD

Attorney Docket: 3863.015

AMENDMENT B AND REQUEST FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, the period for response extended to October 7, 2002 (October 5, 2002 falling on Saturday); please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (Clean Version)

Please cancel Claim 5 and replace Claims 1, 9, and 13-14 to read as follows:

1. A method for applying a topical anesthetic to an area of skin, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a) incorporating an anesthetic in a lipophilic base into a volatile solvent to form a homogeneous solution;
 - b) applying the homogeneous solution into the area of skin to be treated; and